

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

At Page 5, fourth paragraph, replace the existing paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Alternatively, the amount of water soluble gelling gums included can be viewed from a functional perspective in that glassy matrix dosage forms in accordance with the present invention contain sufficient gums to provide a dissolution rate which, in turn, results in at least 50% of the nicotine active being absorbed via the oral mucosa prior to ingestion. More preferably, at least 70% and most preferably at least 80% of the nicotine active is absorbed across the oral mucosa prior to ingestion as opposed to absorption in the GI tract ~~from swallowing after ingestion~~.